

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A secure tracking system and method of tracking for articles which are secure and include authentication and verification of users and user devices for data and information access and input. Each article to be tracked is provided with a unique  
5 secure indicia applied to the article and through which chronological histories are generated and maintained from creation of each article until at least the time when article is scrapped or otherwise destroyed. The articles can include manufactured components, assemblies, device and equipment for aircraft, automotive, military and other users, as well as jewelry and works of art.